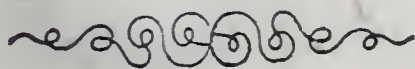


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The General Assembly of 1871

RESOLVED, *That the Board of Publication be instructed to prepare, and publish for gratuitous distribution, a condensed statement of the various Boards, Committees and Trusts connected with the Assembly, their names, organization and special work.*

In accordance with this action this Pamphlet has been prepared, and will be sent gratis to any persons who request it, by the Presbyterian Board of Publication.

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THE question, "To what do we, as Presbyterians, give?" is one often asked, and to which we would here give a brief yet sufficiently minute reply. The great objects in which we are interested as a Church, and the channels through which we seek to advance the kingdom of Christ, should be known to every member of the body. Familiarity with these organizations will show how admirably they have been chosen, and how well adapted they are to be the channels of our Christian beneficence.

The beneficence of the Presbyterian Church is directed primarily at the conversion and Christian development of men. Recognizing the value of some agencies which are not distinctively Christian, and freely conceding to them all the credit to which their results show them to be entitled, the Church nevertheless holds by the truth that human improvement is promoted most radically, most expeditiously and most economically through the divine

plan of salvation. The Church therefore claims the benevolent contributions of her members mainly for one object—THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL.

To promote this great end she seeks,

1st. To train her workmen through

The Board of Education.

2d. To sustain the preachers of the Word in fields in which they cannot, or will not, be sustained by the people. This is done through

The Board of Home Missions.

The Sustentation Fund.

The Freedmen's Committee.

The Board of Foreign Missions.

3d. To supplement the work of the ministry by the use of the Christian and Denominational Press, by Colportage and Sabbath-school work, through

The Board of Publication.

4th. To aid feeble congregations to secure houses of worship, through

The Board of Church Erection.

5th. To care for her disabled workmen and their families, through

The Relief Fund.

6th. To secure attendance on the Church Judicatories, by

The Commissioner's Fund.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE Presbyterian Church believes that a thoroughly trained ministry is necessary to educate the people in the word of God, and to defend and expound the theology and the polity of the Church.

The Board of Education is the organ of the General Assembly for the general superintendence of the Church's work in furnishing a pious, educated and efficient ministry in sufficient numbers to meet the calls of its congregations, to supply the wants of the destitute classes and regions in our own country, and to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. It provides for the collection and judicious distribution of the funds which may be requisite for the proper education of candidates for the ministry under its care, and seeks to develop an active interest in education throughout the Church.

Many valuable men are secured to the gospel ministry through the agency of this Board, who, without its assistance, would have been forced into other walks of life.

A candidate thus aided by the Board is under the care of a Presbytery, without a recommendation from which he cannot receive assistance. This recommendation is given only after examination as to the candidate's piety,

capacity and motives in seeking the ministry, and must be annually renewed.

Students thus aided ought not to be regarded as the Church's beneficiaries, any more than the cadets at West Point are the beneficiaries of the United States Government. The Church is expending on their education what she expects to receive back with compound interest in their efficient ministry.

Two hundred dollars pays the annual appropriation for a theological student.

One hundred and sixty dollars for a collegiate student.

One hundred and twenty dollars for an academic student.

Two thousand dollars founds a permanent scholarship, the interest of which pays a student's annual appropriation. Founders of scholarships have the privilege of nominating their own candidates, subject to the approval of the Board.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. WILLIAM SPEER, D.D.

Treasurer.—Mr. WILLIAM MAIN.

Office.—No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

Legal bequests to this cause should be made to "*The Trustees of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.*"

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

TO this Board belongs the general direction of the efforts of the Presbyterian Church to diffuse the gospel throughout the United States.

Its work is related to the political, no less than to the religious, destinies of our land. Our government is a government of the people. The people must be Christianized before their votes will be given for those men and for those measures which Christian patriotism endorses.

The great West is destined, ultimately, to hold the preponderance in our national councils, and to represent the largest share of our national wealth. Whether this wealth shall be used in the interest of Christ's kingdom or of worldly luxury, whether this political power shall be thrown into the scale of unselfish patriotism or wrested to the purposes of demagogues, will depend upon whether the West be Christianized or not.

Emigration is pouring into that region a host of influences inimical to the gospel. The heathen from China, the infidel from France and Germany, the Papist from Ireland,—all phases of belief and of unbelief congregate there. What but the gospel can leaven the vast lump?

The men who carry the gospel to these new and thinly-settled regions do so, in most cases, at great personal sacrifice. They are scantily paid and undergo much

hardship. It is eminently desirable that, in such a field, the Church shall command the *entire time and energy* of her laborers. She ought, therefore, to provide for these so liberally as to obviate the necessity of their doing other work.

Members of our congregations who have the means will not only do a great work, but will greatly stimulate their own zeal, by assuming the support of a Home Missionary, who will in that case be instructed by the Board to correspond regularly with the contributor.

Ladies can do an important work in furnishing the families of Home Missionaries with those comforts to which, in their frontier life, they are almost strangers. No church should let a year pass without forwarding at least one well-filled box of clothing and other necessities to a missionary family. The Secretary of the Board will always, on application, direct churches to families where such gifts will be welcomed.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Corresponding Secretaries.—Rev. HENRY KENDALL, D.D., and Rev. CYRUS DICKSON, D.D.

Treasurer.—Mr. SAMUEL D. POWEL.

Office.—No. 30 Vesey Street, New York.

Bequests to this cause should be made to "*The Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions, incorporated April 18, 1862, by the Legislature of the State of New York.*"

SUSTENTATION.

THIS is a scheme for the aid of weak churches already advanced so far as to have a pastor in full service, and to be paying at least \$500 salary, at an average of \$7.30 per member as the minimum, besides contributing regularly to all the Boards of the Church. Where such a church is certified by the Presbytery as having fulfilled the conditions, and is recommended as having urgent need of the aid, and fair prospect of soon becoming self-sustaining, the aim of the scheme is to raise the salary of the pastor to \$1000.

Pastors are appealed to for a contribution from their churches *equal to at least one-twentieth of their salaries*, to aid thus the struggling pastors of these feeble flocks that so they may give their whole time to the work. Many of the stronger churches will do much more. \$50,000 is the smallest amount required for this, the first year of the scheme. This sum will advance very many churches to a condition of strength leading to early self-support.

The Home Mission Board will thus be relieved of this class of aid-receiving churches, who will be taken under this scheme and helped according to a definite plan. "Stated supplies" will then be induced to become *pastors*,

and their churches will come to be regularly and fully equipped for Christian work, as a condition of aid, and the formation of new churches will be encouraged in prospect of this timely assistance. Already this is the favorable working of the plan. Applications are coming in from various parts of the field. Funds are urgently needed to prosecute this good work as a grand auxiliary to our scheme of Home Missions.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

Secretary and Treasurer.—Rev. M. W. JACOBUS, D.D.
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COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

THE abolition of slavery has thrown the emancipated bondmen of our Southern States on the hands of the Christian Church. Their need of elevating agencies gives them an irresistible claim upon American Christian benevolence.

It is for the Church to supplement their natural susceptibility with knowledge, and thus to prepare the way for an intelligent reception and practice of the gospel.

The same considerations which appeal for the Christianizing of the West appeal on behalf of the South. The freedmen must be taught to use their newly-acquired citizenship in the interest of sound morality, religion and

intelligence. Otherwise they will become tools in the hands of unprincipled politicians.

Especially should attention be directed to the freedwomen. Upon them slavery has imposed its worst degradation; yet, in the order of nature, they must exert the chief influence over the "rising generation." The mothers of a nation give the nation its character.

The Presbyterian Committee on Freedmen contemplates—

1. The supply of preachers and teachers to the freedmen.
2. The endowment of institutions by which, as soon as practicable, they may be furnished with teachers and preachers of their own race.
3. The endowment of female schools, to enable the freedwomen to keep pace with the other sex in intellectual and moral elevation.

Two hundred and fifty dollars is the average salary of a Missionary among the freedmen.

One hundred dollars will support a student Catechist among the freedmen.

COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. A. CRAIG McCLELLAND.

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The Committee on Freedmen is not incorporated. Legal bequests to this cause should therefore be made to "*The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in trust for the Presbyterian Committee of Missions for Freedmen.*"

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THE Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions directs the Foreign mission work of the Presbyterian Church.

The following are the mission fields of the Church:

1. The mission among nine distinct tribes of Indians.
2. The mission among the Chinese in California.
3. The important field in the United States of Colombia, South America, where its capital has been occupied and work commenced.
4. The vast empire of Brazil, open to evangelistic work.
5. Japan, where wonderful changes are taking place.
6. China, where one-third of the human race dwells.
7. Siam, a field left almost wholly to our Church to cultivate.
8. The Laos, north of Siam, an interesting people, to whom no other Church is preaching the gospel.
9. Upper India, where a vast preparatory work has

been done among its teeming millions, and Western India, in the province of Kolapoor.

10. The Persian, formerly the Nestorian, mission.

11. Syria, a field of great moment in its relations to the regions beyond.

12. Western Africa, in its Liberia, Corisco and Gaboon missions, with vast multitudes accessible from these points.

13. A single mission among the Jews.

14. The continent of Europe, where helpers of different countries are aided by the Board in their missionary labors.

These missions are in every quarter of the globe and among people needing the gospel. They can be greatly enlarged and are mainly among nations whose conversion will exert a mighty influence upon the future of our world.

It costs only *four cents* out of every dollar to pay the entire expenses of conducting the office work of the Board. Thus, if *One Dollar* is contributed, *ninety-six cents* go into the mission field, and only *four cents* for the entire home expenses. Can so large and important a work of any kind show such a small percentage of expense?

The way for reaching heathen women in almost every country is now open. Calls for female laborers are urgent, and a number of such laborers are now in the service of the Board.

MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY. Monthly.—The pamphlet edition, fifty cents a year, sent free, when desired, to donors of ten dollars and upward, and to ministers of our churches.

THE NEWSPAPER FOREIGN MISSIONARY.—Specially designed for youth. Ten copies, when sent to one address for one year, one dollar, and in the same proportion for larger numbers. It is sent free, one copy to the children of each family in every Sabbath-school making regular contributions to the Treasury of the Board.

Certificates of Honorary Membership are furnished on payment of \$30; of Honorary Directorship, \$100.

Nine hundred dollars supports a foreign missionary.

One hundred and fifty dollars supports a native preacher.

From thirty to eighty dollars supports a heathen child in school.

From four hundred to six hundred dollars supports a female missionary.

Fifty dollars supports a female Bible-reader.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Corresponding Secretaries.—Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, D.D., Rev. DAVID IRVING, D.D., Rev. F. F. ELLINWOOD, D.D.

Treasurer.—Mr. WILLIAM RANKIN.

Office.—No. 23 Centre Street, New York.

Bequests to this cause should be made to "*The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.*"

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

THE members of this board are trustees of a fund from the interest of which, together with such sums as are raised by the annual contributions of the Church, donations are made to feeble Presbyterian congregations, to assist them in the erection of church edifices.

These donations are made, without interest, only to such churches as own in fee simple and without legal encumbrance the lot on which it is proposed to build. A legal condition is affixed to each gift of money whereby the insurance of the building is guaranteed, and the policy held by the Board for the recovery of the amount of their gift in case of fire. No donation is made for the payment of any debt except that which may have been contracted within one year previous to erecting a house of worship.

The sum granted is never to be more than half the amount contributed and received by the church for the house and lot.

The donation is made on condition that if, at any time,

the corporate existence of the church, or its relation to the General Assembly, shall cease, or if the house of worship shall be alienated except for the building or purchase of a better house, the amount donated shall be refunded, with interest from the time of receiving it, and the fulfillment of this condition is secured by a bond and mortgage on the church property, executed by the trustees of the congregation in favor of the Board, and placed in their possession before any money is paid over to the congregation.

The work of Church Erection goes hand in hand with that of Home Missions. However successful a missionary may be in *gathering* a congregation and organizing a church, he cannot *hold* the people without a decent place of worship. A church without a home cannot command the respect which is its due. Unconverted men who refuse to contribute to the support of religion while its services are held in a public hall, or in a school-house, will pay for a pew in a church, and occupy it.

A gift of \$500 secures the erection of a house of worship. No better investment can be made by a church, a Sabbath-school or an individual. Our home Christians and institutions thus make their influence felt in the formation of a new congregation, and the blessings which will emanate from every such centre of Christian power cannot be computed.

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. HENRY R. WILSON, D.D.

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Legal bequests should be made to "*The Trustees of the Church Erection Fund of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,*" incorporated March 31, 1855, by the Legislature of the State of New York.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

THE press is doing much of the work which once devolved upon the pulpit, and doing it far better.

Its importance as an auxiliary to the work of the preacher cannot be over-estimated. The printed page penetrates to men's homes and closets, and appeals to them in their hours of leisure and private meditation. Tracts and books circulate where the minister does not go. Chiefly by our religious literature the religious thought of the Church is to be shaped and developed, and familiarity with the great principles of her theology ensured.

The Presbyterian Board of Publication has the general oversight of our denominational literature, including the publication of text-books, hymnals, tracts, periodicals

and library books used in our Sabbath-schools, as well as volumes for the family circle, the congregational library and the pastor's study.

Contributions made to this Board are not applied to its business, but *go to its missionary department*, and are used for grants to feeble Sabbath-schools, to home and foreign missionaries, to tract distributors, etc., and for the employment of colporteurs. The business supports itself, paying all its expenses, but the field for mission work in this department is very wide.

The work of this Board calls not only for money, but for mind. It presents to educated laymen, no less than to ministers, both an appeal and an opportunity for the diffusion of their best thoughts on the interests of Christ's kingdom. You may write a tract, or a book, or a communication, which God may use for the conversion or for the comfort of thousands.

The Board also furnishes an opportunity for private beneficence in supplying pastors of limited means with the books so necessary to their ministerial culture. You cannot perform a more delicate or a more welcome act of beneficence than thus to aid some struggling minister.

In its "Sabbath-school Department" this Board is engaged in an enterprise of vast moment and great hopefulness for the Church and the world.

A contribution of \$30 at one time constitutes a life member of the Board, and entitles to one dollar's worth of its publications each year, for life, if drawn within the year. A contribution of \$100 constitutes an honorary member, and entitles to three dollars' worth of publications for life, if drawn within the year. Handsome certificates of membership are furnished.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH-SCHOOL VISITOR, a fully illustrated and instructive paper for young readers.

It is published semi-monthly, but it is optional with

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RELIEF FUND.

THE Ministerial Relief Fund is for the aid of disabled ministers and the widows and orphan children of ministers deceased.

Many ministers, after having given their best years to the Church, at salaries so small as to preclude any saving

find themselves, in their old age, without money and without the ability to earn it. Many others are brought to the same condition by disease. Others, dying in the midst of their active ministry, leave widows and young children in a state of comparative helplessness. Motives of delicacy prevent many such cases from coming to light, and not a few most worthy of aid undergo severe suffering rather than appeal for the Church's assistance.

Contributions to this object are not *alms*, but *payment of debt* incurred by the Church in availing herself of the labors of these faithful servants of Christ.

The minister, in the great majority of cases, is required to expend his entire annual stipend upon his living, and too often to eke out his salary by the consumption of private property or by the charity of relatives. The average pay of our educated clergy is less than that of the skilled mechanic, frequently less than that of the *poorest unskilled labor*.

Men consecrate to this profession abilities which, in almost any other walk of life, would secure them competence, and, in many cases, wealth. They give themselves for life to a work which requires their *whole* time and energy, and which disqualifies them for success in any other kind of work.

When such men wear out in the service, the Church which has availed herself of their best years and energies

should provide for them. So long as the Church restricts her ministers to salaries which leave not a dollar for future contingencies, they are obviously bound to secure them and their families against future suffering.

The funds contributed to this object are controlled and disbursed by the "Committee on the Ministerial Relief Fund."

THE RELIEF FUND.

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The Committee on the Ministerial Relief Fund are not incorporated. Legal bequests should therefore be made to "*The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in trust for the Assembly's Committee on the Ministerial Relief Fund.*"

COMMISSIONERS' FUND.



OUR form of government, Chap. xxii., Section 3, affirms that, "in order, as far as possible, to procure a respectable and full delegation to all our judicatories, it is proper that the expenses of ministers and elders in their attendance on these judicatories be defrayed by the bodies which they respectively represent."

The Commissioners' Fund is applied to the payment of the traveling expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly. The amount required is determined by the Assembly's Standing Committee on Mileage, annually appointed, and the Presbyteries, at their stated meeting next following the adjournment of the General Assembly, assess the amount upon their churches. The thorough working of this system greatly promotes a full, prompt and cheerful attendance upon the Church judicatories.

The assessment for traveling expenses to Synods and Presbyteries falls under the care of those bodies, and should receive attention at their hands.

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